



American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo  
Warden Message



**TO: American Citizens and Consular Wardens**

**FROM: ACS Unit**

**DATE: July 21, 2010**

**SUBJECT: Dangerous Weather Conditions Associated with Tropical Wave Front**

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The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message regarding weather conditions associated with a Tropical Wave which may affect many areas of the Dominican Republic.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) has advised that showers and thunderstorms associated with a vigorous tropical wave are currently affecting Hispaniola. Environmental conditions are expected to be favorable for additional development, and the NHC states that there is a 60% chance of this system becoming a tropical depression or storm during the next 48 hours. Regardless of development, heavy rainfall and gusty winds will likely affect the Dominican Republic during the next couple of days. The NHC also warns that the heavy rains currently affecting the Dominican Republic could cause life-threatening flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

The Dominican Republic's National Weather Service (ONAMET) and the Dominican Emergency Operation Center (COE) have issued an alert for flash floods and landslides for residents living along rivers, creeks and low-lying areas in many provinces of the Dominican Republic. ONAMET also forecasts heavy showers and thunderstorms along with occasional wind gusts in many areas. For official information from the Dominican Government regarding weather conditions, please visit the ONAMET website at <http://www.onamet.gov.do/> and the COE website at <http://www.coe.gov.do/>. The COE website also lists red, yellow and green alerts by province.

U.S. citizens should monitor local radio, the National Weather Service at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> and local media to stay aware of any weather developments in their area.

Minor tropical storms can develop into hurricanes very quickly, limiting the time available for a safe evacuation. Travelers should apprise family and friends in the United States of their whereabouts, and keep in close contact with their tour operator, hotel staff, and local officials for evacuation instructions in the event of a weather emergency. Travelers should also protect their travel and identity documents against loss or damage, as the need to replace lost documentation could hamper or delay return to the United States.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Maximo Gomez Avenue, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the ACS Unit's fax number is 809-689-6142; the e-mail address is [acssantodom@state.gov](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); and the website is <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/acs-e.html>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens out of regular business hours or over the weekends, please call 809-221-2171 and ask to speak to the duty officer.